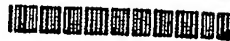




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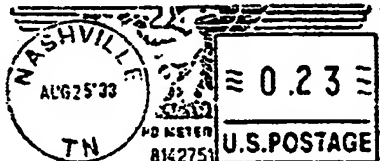
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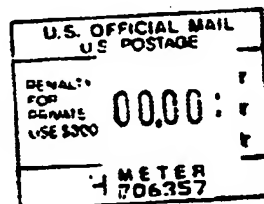
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2. On August 25, 2003, on behalf of Applicant Dry Systems, Inc., I sent the Response and Amendment attached hereto as Exhibit A to the Patent and Trademark Office for filing with a certificate of mailing stating that the document was mailed on August 25, 2003.
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